

**STATE OF IDAHO  
County of Idaho**

**SEPTEMBER SESSION**

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2024**

**THIRD TERM DAY**

9:00 a.m. The board convened with Commissioners Skip Brandt, Ted Lindsley and Denis Duman and Kathy Ackerman, Clerk present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Duman offered an opening prayer.

Meranda Small, U of I Extension, provides update on the Idaho County Fair and plan for updating the Snack Shack. Small updates on the carcass judging contest, held at Sonnen Meats the week after the fair-discussion. Small requests permission to put a storage shed out near the Noxious Weeds Shed near the airport-she has a plan for enlisting the help of some high school students to build the structure-discussion. Commission advises Small to check with Weed Supervisor, Joe Slichter—Commission has no problem with a temporary structure.

9:15 a.m. Lesli regarding claims:

Current Expense:	\$ 18,515.92	Road & Bridge:	\$ 7,678.97
Airport:	\$ 49,630.40	Emergency Comm:	\$ 1,014.60
District Court:	\$ 6,120.00	Search & Rescue:	\$ 824.95
Noxious Weeds:	\$ 402.15	Waterways:	\$ 4,042.56
Snowmobile 25A	\$ 18.61	GNA:	\$ 122.11
Broadband Project:	\$ 78,326.00		
Total:	\$ 166,696.27		

Duman moves to approve the claims. Lindsley seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

9:30 a.m. Jerry Zumalt updates regarding the fiber build project from Orofino to Grangeville-an MOU is needed with the Port of Lewiston-discussion. Zumalt advises that he will keep the Commission updated as the detail come together.

Brandt moves to amend the agenda to adding an item to Miscellaneous Approvals that is time sensitive. Lindsley seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

10:00 a.m. Dave Taylor provides update on area 911 Operating Systems in the area and options for moving forward-discussion.

10:45 a.m. David McKnight, AirBridge, updates regarding the BEAD grant and changes that are being considered to the requirements such as a switch from all fiber to wireless and star-link-discussion. McKnight advises that they are working on an open access plan for the area and has begun working with ETS, who is currently working with several counties in Southern Idaho.

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McKnight introduces Scott Linsley, Director of Operations for ETS, who presents proposal for building a coalition of counties for build-out plan development-discussion. Jacob Johnson, Chief Technical Officer for ETS, regarding what open access means to Idaho broadband consumers-discussion regarding how the coalition was formed.

11:05 a.m. Michael Brown, IT Operations Manager, updates Commission on the wiring and phone needs for the Kooskia shop. Commission asks Brown to work on putting together some hard numbers. Discussion regarding changing to the VOIP system. Brown will work on getting more information in order to give a recommendation.

11:27 a.m. Zumalt presents agreements for repairs to Cottonwood Creek Road and Ridgewood drive-discussion. Brandt moves to approve the agreements as presented. Linsley seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

11:33 a.m. Bonnie Myers requests modification to variance that was granted. Myers presents a survey and septic approval for her parcel-she has a sale/purchase agreement that is being held up pending her son getting a survey and septic approval on his part of the variance-discussion. Commission stands behind original decision.

11:45 a.m. Brandt moves to approve the minutes of the September 10 meeting. Duman seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Brandt moves to approve the wage increase requests for the Sheriff's Office, Commissioners, Recorder's Office, Prosecutor's Office, Treasurer's Office, Assessor's Office, Juvenile/Misdemeanor Probation, Extension Office, and Road Department. Linsley seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Brandt moves to approve the Catering Permit for Tim Campbell for a wedding. Duman seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Brandt moves to approve the Catering Permit for 1906 Brews. Linsley seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Brandt moves to approve the hiring of Victoria Rockwell for the Elections/Recorder's Office. Duman seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Brandt moves to approve the re-hiring of Kelly Bashaw in the Auditor's Office. Linsley seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Brandt moves to approve the proposal from NW Elevator for repair of the elevator. Duman seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Brandt moves to approve the new computer for Elections. Duman seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Brandt moves to approve the Additional Meeting Request for Brandt for PILT Fly-in. Lindsley seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Brandt moves to approve the travel request for Lucky Gallego for attendance at the VFW Conference in Honolulu. Lindsley seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Additional meetings: Brandt-WIR-October 2-4, GNA-October 9; Duman-Sept. 18-ITD; Lindsley-Recreation & Tourism Conference-October 21-23

VonBargen updates on the temporary Crooked River Bridge-anticipated to be completed next week.

Brandt moves to go into Indigent proceedings pursuant to Idaho Code 31-874. Duman seconds. Roll call-District 1-yes; District 2-yes; District 3-yes

12:05 p.m. Recess

1:00 p.m. Jeff Shinn, USFS, presents update on activities on the forest such as Hungry Ridge, Race Cow Project, Florence Fuels, Center Johnson Project, 221 Road Paving, and the closure of the Grangeville office. Discussion regarding Good Neighbor Authority, finalization of the Forest Plan and Travel Plan.

1:20 p.m. Duman updates on the Pilots Lounge-project complete, just waiting on help to move.

1:26 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

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Chairman

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